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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-105 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-62 and 85-105 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 63-84 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's remarks received on 10/24/2007.

Response to Applicant's arguments

1. Claims 1-105 are pending. Claims 1-62 and claims 85-105 are withdrawn by restriction.
2. Claim 78 was rejected under 35 USC 112 for indefiniteness, because of the term "real time." Applicant has amended the claim by using the term "instantly." However, the term instantly is also indefinite, and therefore claim 78 remains rejected under 35 USC 112.
3. Claims 63-84 were rejected under 35 USC 102. Applicant has only provided arguments to claims 63, 69, and 73 and claims that all other claims are allowable based on Applicant's arguments for the independent claims. Because claims 63, 69, and 73 remain rejected, all other claims also remain rejected. Therefore, claims 63-84 remain rejected under 35 USC 102.
4. This action is final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
2. The term "instantly" in claim 78 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 63-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by
Burbridge (US Pat. No. 6,868,370).

Regarding claim 63:

Burbridge teaches

- A system for defining and managing a physical asset requiring a plurality of items and components, that includes a data store for item specification data, including item attributes, for objects incorporated into or consumed during the creation of the asset. (*see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10*).
- At least one data input system for specification data into the data store. (*see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10*).
- A project management system including a data store interface that supplements business objects with specification data. (*see column 1 generally, and column 2, lines 1-10*).

Applicant argues that Burbridge does not teach claim 63. Applicant argues that Burbridge does not disclose an interface that supplements business objects with specification data. According to Applicant's specification, a business object is defined as items such as Request for Quotations, schedule of items, purchase orders, letters, and emails.

Burbridge is a patent for a system that is used to store and utilize data for a plant or design process. This system allows for engineers in multiple locations to work with the data. Burbridge teaches business objects in column 2, lines 1-10. Because Burbridge is a project management system, it would include specification data with various business objects.

Regarding claim 64:

Burbridge teaches at least one item procurement system, the procurement system including a data store interface allowing modification of specification data. (*see column 9 lines 57-65*).

Regarding claim 65:

Burbridge teaches a cost management system including a data store interface allowing modification of specification data. (*see column 9, lines 26-36*).

Regarding claim 66:

Burbridge teaches an information collection system including a data store interface. (*see column 8, lines 31-46*).

Regarding claim 67:

Burbridge teaches the project management system includes multiple projects. (*see column 9 generally*).

Regarding claim 68:

Burbridge teaches the data store stores object data by project. (*see column 9 lines 26-36*).

Regarding claim 69:

Burbridge teaches:

- A system for defining and managing a physical asset requiring a plurality of items and components. *(see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).*
- A data store for item specification data, including item attributes, for objects incorporated into or consumed during the creation of the asset. *(see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).*
- At least one data input system for specification data **associated with a business object** into the data store. *(see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).*
- A teamwork system including a data store interface. *(see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).*

Applicant argues that Burbridge does not teach claim 63. Applicant argues that Burbridge does not disclose an interface that supplements business objects with specification data. According to Applicant's specification, a business object is defined as items such as Request for Quotations, schedule of items, purchase orders, letters, and emails.

Burbridge is a patent for a system that is used to store and utilize data for a plant or design process. This system allows for engineers in multiple locations to work with the data. Burbridge teaches business objects in column 2, lines 1-10. Because Burbridge is a project management system, it would include specification data with various business objects.

Regarding claim 70:

Burbridge further teaches at least one item procurement system, the procurement system including a data store interface allowing modification of specification data. (see column 9, lines 57-65).

Regarding claim 71:

Burbridge further teaches a cost management system including a data store interface allowing modification of specification data. (see column 9, lines 26-36).

Regarding claim 72:

Burbridge further teaches a project management system including a data store interface allowing reference to specification data. (see column 9 generally).

Regarding claim 73:

Burbridge teaches:

- An application server coupled to a network data store including item specification data. (see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).
- A data input and supplement toolset linking specification data to business objects. (see column 1 generally and column 2, lines 1-10).

Applicant argues that Burbridge does not teach claim 63. Applicant argues that Burbridge does not disclose an interface that supplements business objects with specification data. According to Applicant's specification, a business object is defined as items such as Request for Quotations, schedule of items, purchase orders, letters, and emails.

Burbridge is a patent for a system that is used to store and utilize data for a plant or design process. This system allows for engineers in multiple locations to work with the data. Burbridge teaches business objects in column 2, lines 1-10. Because Burbridge is a project management system, it would include specification data with various business objects.

Regarding claim 74:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein the data input and supplement toolset includes a design application toolset. *(see column 9, lines 38-46).*

Regarding claim 75:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein the data input and supplement toolset includes a cost toolset. *(see column 9, lines 26-36).*

Regarding claim 76:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein the data input and supplement toolset includes a procurement toolset. *(see column 9, lines 57-65).*

Regarding claim 77:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein the data input and supplement toolset includes a project teamwork toolset. *(see column 6, lines 42-55).*

Regarding claim 78:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said toolsets modify said database such that each of said toolsets receives real time data updates. *(see column 1, lines 45-51).*

Regarding claim 79:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said network is a private network. (see column 6, lines 42-55).

Regarding claim 80:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said network is a public network. (see column 6, lines 42-55).

Regarding claim 81:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said network is a combination of public and private networks. (see column 2, lines 55-60).

Regarding claim 82:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said network is the Internet, and the application tool sets are provided by the application server via the Internet to client devices responsive to a request from said devices. (see column 2, lines 55-60).

Regarding claim 83:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said server communicates data from said database with said client devices via a secure protocol. (see column 6, lines 14-23).

Regarding claim 84:

Burbridge teaches an application server, wherein said applications are configured to run in a browsing application. (see column 2, lines 55-60).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdul Basit whose telephone number is 571 272-7246. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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